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In re Application of: )  
Karen E. Kimball et al. )  
Application No.: 10/038,579 ) Group Art Unit: 2665  
Filed: January 8, 2002 ) ) Examiner: Alpus HSU  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) ) Allowed: November 25, 2005  
AUTOMATIC LOAD-BALANCING ) )  
ON MULTISEGMENT DEVICES ) Confirmation No. 4750

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT FROM ISSUE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) under 1.97(b) being submitted in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to § 1.114. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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This request for withdrawal from issue is made to allow ~~Applicants~~ to submit for the 130.00 OP Examiner's consideration an IDS for documents that were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office issued in a counterpart foreign application on February 16, 2006. This

IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Since the communication was not received until after the issue fee was paid, the withdrawal of the present application is necessary in order to allow the Examiner to consider the documents cited in that communication.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this application be withdrawn from issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 21, 2006

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